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Applicants : Fangrow et al.  
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For : MEDICAL VALVE WITH  
POSITIVE FLOW  
CHARACTERISTICS  
Examiner : Kevin C. Sirmons  
Group Art Unit : 3763

**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), Petitioner, ICU Medical, Inc., a Delaware corporation, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the present patent application by virtue of an assignment from the inventors, which is recorded at Reel 9577, Frame 0806. Petitioner also represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,245,048 by virtue of an assignment from the inventors. The assignment of the '048 patent was made in an assignment document filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and recorded at Reel 8600, Frame 0637. The foregoing patent application and patent have been commonly owned by Petitioner ever since the time each claimed invention was made.

Assignee hereby disclaims, except as noted below, the terminal portion of any patent granted on the present application, which would extend beyond either of the expiration dates of the full statutory terms defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154-156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of the '048 patent. Applicant hereby agrees that any patent granted on the above-captioned application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that legal title to said patent shall be the same as legal title to the '048 patent. This agreement binds Petitioner's successors and assigns.

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The undersigned representative verifies that he is authorized to take this action on behalf of Petitioner. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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